PREFACE.

The Dasara Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly for 1921-22 was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore, beginning on Thursday the 13th October 1921, under the presidency of the Dewan, Rajasevadhurina Sir M. Kantaraj Urs, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.

2. The following statement gives details as regards the number of electorates, the number of seats for which members had to be returned, the number of members returned by the electorates and the number actually present at the meetings:—

Electorates	Number due	Number actually returned	Number present
1	2	3	4
1. From 68 Taluks and 9 Sub-Taluks ...	163	160	124
2. From 61 Municipalities ...	72	67	55
3. From 8 District Boards and the K. G. F. Sanitary Board ...	18	18	14
4. From 25 Associations ...	25	22	18
5. From other bodies representing special interests ...	4	3	2
Total ...	282	270	213

The privilege of deputing a member to the Representative Assembly was given to the Bababudan Planters' Association, Kadur District, as well as to the Jaina Education Fund Association, Mysore District, in June 1921.

Of the 270 members returned to the Assembly by the various electorates:—

5 were Europeans,
13 were Mahomedans,
1 was an Indian Christian and
251 were Hindus.

Arranged according to occupation:—

67 were merchants,
9 were Sahukars or Bankers,
43 were village officers—Patels and Shanbhogs,
101 were landholders,
24 were lawyers and
26 were persons who followed other professions.

3. The attendance of the members at the meetings of the Assembly was fair, 213 having been present out of 270 members actually returned or 78·9 per cent nearly.

4. The Members of Government, Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners of Districts attended the meetings as usual. Some of the European and Indian Guests of His Highness the Maharaja and a large number of retired officers and leading citizens of Mysore were present on the opening day of the Assembly.

5. The proceedings commenced at 12 noon when the Dewan delivered his Address to the Assembly in English, a Kannada translation being read subsequently by Mr. D. Srinivasiengar, B. A., Offg. Revenue Secretary to Government.

6. Addresses from the following institutions and bodies were read and presented to the Dewan-President by the gentlemen named against each:—

(1) The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, by Col. C. H. Richards.
(2) The Vokkaligara Sangha, by Mr. B. N. Vijaya Deva.
(3) The Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore, by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.
(4) The Planters' Associations, by Captain Herbert Browne.
(5) The Lingayat Education Fund Association, by Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.

(6) The Indian Christian Association, by Mr. J. R. Isaac.
(7) The Jaina Education Fund Association, by Mr. Upadra Nagarajaiya.
(8) The Adi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangham, by Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai.
(9) The Malnad Land-holders' Association, by Mr. Honnaiya Heggade.
(10) The Anjuman-e-Mahadevia of Channapatna, by Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.

The addresses with the Dewan's reply thereto are printed in Appendix A.

7. After the reading of the Dewan's reply to the addresses, Mr. M. Subbaiya referred to the feelings of genuine pleasure with which the subjects of the State looked forward to the forthcoming visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Mysore and to the hearty welcome that awaits the Royal Visitor. He also conveyed congratulations of the Assembly to Rajadharmapravina Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar, B.A., B.L., Judge, Chief Court, and Rajamantrapravina Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao, B.A. B.L., Member of Council, on the titles recently conferred on them by His Highness the Maharaja.

8. Before the discussion of the subjects was taken up on the 15th October, Mr K. T. Seshaiya proposed on behalf of the Representative Assembly that, in accordance with a resolution passed at a supplementary meeting of the members held the previous day, a very hearty welcome be accorded to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The proposal was warmly supported and accepted by all the members of the Assembly.

9. Twenty questions were received from members as interpellations and printed copies of the same with replies thereto were distributed to the members in the Assembly on the 15th October 1921. These interpellations and answers are printed as Appendix B.

10. Including the opening day, the sittings of the Assembly lasted for six days from 13th to 20th October 1921, excluding Friday the 14th and Sunday the 16th idem.

A summary of the discussions of the representations made by the members and the replies of Government will be found at the beginning of this volume in Part I.

Subjects not discussed owing to the absence of the proposers or for other causes have been separately arranged and printed as Part II.

11. At the close of the discussions on the 20th October 1921, the Dewan made a few remarks summarising the proceedings of the meeting, indicating the policy of Government in respect of more important subjects that came up for discussion in the Assembly, complimenting the members on the high level at which the discussions were maintained, and on the spirit of harmony, moderation, and mutual good will that generally pervaded the Session, and stating that it would give him great pleasure to submit to His Highness the Maharaja the sentiments of loyalty and devotion expressed by the members and their resolution of loyal welcome to his illustrious guest, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in January next.

A summary of the remarks is printed in Appendix G.

12. Messrs. B. N. Vijaya Deva and K. T. Seshaiya, on behalf of the members, thanked the President and his colleagues for the patient hearing given to the representations of members and requested the President to convey to His Highness the Maharaja their gratitude and sentiments of loyalty to the throne and person of His Highness.

13. The Session closed at 6-30 P.M., on the 20th October 1921 with three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja, proposed by Mr. B. Nagappachiar, and to the President, by Mr. K. T. Seshaiya, which were heartily responded to by the whole Assembly standing.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.